

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND RUNNING START PROGRAM?

The Running Start Program is a dual enrollment program for high school seniors who have demonstrated the academic achievement and maturity necessary to enroll full time in CCRI courses during their senior year of high school for the fall and spring semesters.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- College ready high school seniors who wish to study at CCRI on a full-time basis (12 credits per semester) while earning college credit and credit toward high school graduation simultaneously may be eligible if the student meets the following:
 1. A cumulative high school average of "B" and submission of an official high school transcript
 2. Permission of parent or guardian
 3. Recommendation from a school counselor or principal accompanied by a list of courses that includes requirements for graduation from high school and other recommended college courses
 4. Accuplacer testing that demonstrates readiness at the college level in reading, writing, and math is required

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF PARTICIPATING IN RUNNING START?

- Presents students with the opportunity to seek academic challenges not available at their high school
- Saves time and money toward a postsecondary degree or certificate program
- May offer opportunities for students to apply to programs that would not be available to them without prior completion of specific courses
- Provides students with a sample of the college environment which can be encouraging and enlightening for new students that transition into a university or college after high school graduation
- Gives students a closer look at his or her area of academic interest
- Prepares students for the academic rigors of postsecondary education

WHO ACCEPTS CCRI RUNNING START COURSES?

Since Running Start students are enrolled in CCRI courses, the grade the student earns becomes part of the official Community College of Rhode Island transcript. Students may use the credits earned toward a degree or certificate program at CCRI or transfer them to a number of colleges and universities throughout the United States. See www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/transfers for details on how CCRI credits transfer and to view our transfer articulation agreements with other colleges and universities. Credits could transfer as general education, specific course, and/or elective requirements. More information regarding course transfers among the public higher education institutions can be found at www.ritransfers.org.

HOW TO APPLY AND REGISTER FOR RUNNING START AND WHAT IS THE COST?

Program admission criteria and application process steps can be found on the Running Start application at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/partnerships/runningstart. Applications are due March 1st prior to the fall semester in which the student wishes to enroll. Acceptance decisions will be made by April 15th. Information regarding Accuplacer preparation and testing can be found on the Advising and Counseling website at www.ccri.edu/advising/new_students/accuplacer_guide.

Following acceptance to the program, students meet with the Assistant Director of Admissions for an orientation and a registration appointment is scheduled. Each student's courses are selected based on school counselor recommendations, high school graduation requirements, and future academic goals.

Governor Raimondo's Prepare RI Dual Enrollment Fund provides funding for every qualifying student to take college courses from Rhode Island's public postsecondary institutions as part of their high school requirements at no cost to the student or family. This includes the cost of tuition, application and testing fees.

WHAT KINDS OF CLASSES ARE OFFERED?

Students can choose from a full range of academic and professional/technical courses as long as they meet the qualifying criteria. A list of all CCRI course descriptions can be found at www.ccri.edu/catalog/cd-index.pdf.

WHO TEACHES RUNNING START CLASSES?

Community College of Rhode Island full time and adjunct faculty members.

Information regarding course content, grading policies, and graduation requirements can be found in the college catalog at www.ccri.edu/catalog

RUNNING START HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

Academy for Career Exploration	Mt. Hope High School
Alternate Education Program	New England Christian Academy
Barrington High School	North Kingstown High School
Beacon Charter School	North Providence High School
Beka School Services	North Smithfield High School
Bishop Hendricken High School	Pilgrim High School
Blackstone Millville Regional High School	Ponaganset High School
Burrillville High School	Portsmouth High School
Central Falls High School	Rogers High School
Chariho Regional High School	Saint Xavier Academy
Charles E. Shea High School	Scituate High School
Classical High School	Seekonk High School
Coventry High School	Seton Home Study School
Cranston High School East	Smithfield High School
Cranston High School West	South Kingstown High School
Cumberland High School	Textron Chamber of Commerce Academy
East Greenwich High School	Tiverton High School
East Providence Senior High School	The Greene School
Exeter-W. G. Regional High School	The Prout School
First Baptist Church and School	Toll Gate High School
Hope High School	Tolman High School
Johnston High School	University of Nebraska (Home)
Jacqueline M. Walsh School of Performing Arts	Warwick Veterans Mem. High School
Juanita Sanchez Education Complex	West Warwick High School
Kolbe Home School	Westerly High School
LaSalle Academy	Wm. Davies Career / Tech. High School
Lincoln High School	Woonsocket High School
Metropolitan Regional Career / Tech. School	
Middletown High School	